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ial Navy ; but two years ago his health gave way, and he had since lived in seclusion under the care of his physicians.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.—The following letter brings intelligence of a blow which has fallen upon the Manchester Geographical Society:

44 Brown Street,
MANCHESTER, 28th December, 1891. }

Gentlemen:—We have the melancholy duty of informing you of the death of our revered President. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., LL.D., D. C.L., F.R.S., died December 21st, 1891, and was buried at Edensor, December 26th.

His Grace was the first President of this Society, and took a warm interest in its welfare. He was a distinguished scholar, the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and the Victoria University. It will be difficult to replace him, and we mourn his loss.

Yours respectfully,

ELI SOWERBUTTS,
Secretary.

H. W. BATES, F.R.S.—Mr. Bates, for twenty-seven years the Acting Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, died in London, February 16, at the age of sixty-seven. He was educated for a mercantile career, but devoted himself to science, and set out in 1848 to explore the valley of the Amazon, where he spent eleven years. His observations are recorded in his book, *The Naturalist on the River Amazons*, approved for all time by Darwin “as the best work of natural history travels ever published in England.”